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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NPT AND VERIFICATION AGREEMENT RATIFICATION:

FRG PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS

BEGIN SUMMARY: WITH CDU/CSU DECISION ON NPT DUE TO BE
MADE AT FEB 12 MEETING OF BUNDESTAG FRAKTION, THE SIGNS

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POINT TOWARD A SOMEWHAT LARGER AFFIRMATIVE CDU VOTE THAN

ANTICIPATED IN BONN 1653. VERIFICATION AGREEMENT SHOULD BE RATIFIED WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT OPPOSITION. END SUMMARY

1. STRAUSS AND MOST CSU DEPUTIES WILL TOGETHER WITH SOME CONSERVATIVE CDU DEPUTIES VOTE NO. CDU FOREIGN POLICY SPOKESMAN KIEP, WEIZAECKER AND A GROUP OF MORE LIBERAL CDU DEPUTIES HAVE LONG BEEN PRESSING WITHIN THE FRAKTION FOR A "YES" VOTE. WE NOW ARE INFORMED BY CDU SOURCES THAT FORMER PARTY LEADER BARZEL AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN (AND EX FONMIN) SCHROEDER HAVE DECIDED TO VOTE FOR RATIFICATION AND THAT CURRENT CDU LEADERS CARSTENS AND KOHL ARE LEANING TOWARD A "YES" VOTE. WE ALSO ARE TOLD THAT MANY OF THE SWING VOTERS WITHIN THE FRAKTION, WHO HAD BEEN CONSIDERING ABSTENTION, ARE NOW TENDING "GRUDGINGLY" TOWARD RATIFICATION. THESE DEPUTIES, INCLUDING KURT BIRRENBACH AND WERNER MARX, DO NOT REALLY FAVOR THE NPT BUT APPEAR TO HAVE CONSIDERED THAT A NEGATIVE CDU VOTE WOULD BE HARMFUL TO THEIR PARTY'S DOMESTIC POLITICAL IMAGE AND ALSO MIGHT BURDEN CDU RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. THE FINAL DECISION FOR THESE SWING VOTERS WILL DEPEND TO AN IMPORTANT DEGREE ON WHETHER THE DECLARATION PROPOSED BY THE GOVERNMENT (BONN 1653) APPEARS TO BE SATISFACTORY. TO THAT END, BIRRENBACH IS MEETING FEB 11 WITH GOVERNMENT REPS FOR DISCUSSION OF GOVERNMENT PROPOSED DECLARATION.

2. CDU SOURCES TELL US THAT ONE FACTOR INDUCING THE CDU FRAKTION TOWARD A FAVORABLE VOTE HAS BEEN THE GOVERNMENT'S USE OF THE USG DESIRE FOR EARLY RATIFICATION AND THE DANGER (NPT ARTICLE 3) OF A CUTOFF IN U.S. DELIVERIES OF ENRICHED URANIUM. WE ARE TOLD THAT GOVERNMENT REPS HAVE CONSIDERABLY EMBELLISHED OUR OCT 31, 1973 CONVERSATION WITH A FONOFF REP (BONN 15781). THUS, CDU DEPUTIES TELL US THAT DURING A BUNDESTAG FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING, IN ANSWER TO AN SPD COMMITTEE MEMBER'S QUESTION, SENIOR GOVERNMENT REPS QUOTED AN AMEMBASSY REP AS HAVING TOLD FONOFF THAT THE USG REMAINED INTERESTED IN NPT RATIFICATION AND THAT FAILURE TO RATIFY WOULD ENTAIL SERIOUS BURDEN ON RELATIONSHIPS.

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TIONS AND THREATEN DELIVERIES OF ENRICHED URANIUM; (FYI - DURING CITED OCT 31 CONVERSATION, EMBOFF RESTRICTED HIS COMMENTS TO GUIDANCE IN STATE 212537 AND, AS REPORTED BONN 15781, FONOFF REP CONCURRED FROM OUTSET WITH U.S. POSITION).

3. EURATOM IAEA VERIFICATION AGREEMENT SHOULD RECEIVE VERY BROAD SUPPORT FROM CDU AND CSU (SEE BONN 1491 -

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